

# IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team

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  - OCHA/RMSS (on behalf of co-leads) on output 1, activity 6 - multi-year planning/funding
4. Finalisation of the HFTT work plan review

## MEETING NOTES

### 1. Briefing by ICVA on September GB meeting

**ICVA:** It was the 6th meeting of the Sherpas, which marked a transition from the creation of the Grand Bargain to the implementation of its commitments. Two pages state of play documents on each of the 10 work streams will be available by the end of September. IASC HFTT and GHD was mentioned many times. Relationship between the two groups will become stronger and more structured in the coming years.

*More information on the Grand Bargain meeting is available in the notes of this meeting, which are in the annex.*

**WFP (HFTT co-sponsor):** The HFTT remains very relevant and was mentioned many times during the meeting. The Grand Bargain is not an end in itself and the HFTT has an important role to play in keeping the momentum on some of the GB issues.

The HFTT can provide clarity on many technical issues such as on the recommendation on as direct funding as possible. The Working Group also needs to strengthen the linkages with GHD, humanitarian-development nexus work streams and G-77.

We need to ensure that there is no duplication. HFTT can use WFP as one of the ways of communicating with the Grand Bargain stakeholders on issues that need further attention.

**OCHA/CERF (HFTT co-chair):** We need to ensure sufficient connections between HFTT, Grand Bargain, Humanitarian/Development nexus and other key work streams.

Ensuring sufficient connection with G-77 is challenging. We also tried hard to engage G-77 in the High Level Roundtable on Humanitarian Financing.

**FAO:** Although many task teams and donors are engaged in the Grand Bargain processes, the inclusiveness remains a problem. Certain work streams are well anchored and well-resourced but others are more open-ended. It is challenging to move forward and measure the success adequately.

**World Vision:** There was a high level of consensus during the first part of the meeting, however the Participation Revolution work stream did not have a home. This will have to be clarified.

**ICVA:** There are currently many opportunities for inter-linkages. As for the G-77, the Grand Bargain should be moved in time to the efficiency and effectiveness agenda that speaks to all states. There are serious differences among Member States on what the Grand Bargain is for.

## 2. Briefing by HFTT co-chairs on their meeting with the co-chairs of the Humanitarian/Development Nexus TT

**ICVA (HFTT co-chair):** HFTT co-chairs met with the co-chairs of the humanitarian/development nexus task team on 25 August to talk about the future interlinkages between the two groups. It was agreed that the two groups will share key documents related to the humanitarian/development nexus and exchange staff during their retreats.

ICVA (HFTT co-chair) attended the last two humanitarian/development nexus TT meetings. The TT is working on completing a very impressive mapping document of humanitarian, development, climate change, and other relevant forums. Some HFTT members (UNDP and FAO) also attended, which is important for interconnectivity between the two groups. ICVA encourages more RCRM and dual mandated NGOs to attend.

The retreat of the Humanitarian/Development Nexus Task Team will take place on 20-21 October in New York. It will include the UN Working Group on Transitions and the IASC Task Team on Humanitarian/Development Nexus in Protracted Crises.

**World Vision:** One of the main challenges are that humanitarian and development departments in many organisations do not cooperate well. How can this be improved?

**Development Initiatives:** We should work closely with the Humanitarian/Development Nexus Task Team on the mapping in terms of financing modalities.

**FAO:** This initial retreat will focus on analysis and planning. Upcoming discussions between the IASC and the UNDG will include other topics, financing being one of them. This group will have an important role to play and will include the UNDP MPTF to work on solutions around hybrid financing.

### 3. Updates by activity leads on the virtual meetings to review the HFTT work plan

**UNDP:** FAO, UNDP and the WB convened a meeting at the end of July on the revision of output 3. The group agreed to reduce the number of activities under this output from four to two, with a view to ensure that activities add value from an IASC/HFTT angle and to reduce duplication between various activities around mapping.

In broad terms, there was an agreement that: activity 1 should remain but should be reformulated to become more focused; activities 2 and 4 will be combined and reformulated to use on-going mapping exercises in a manner that is useful to both the HFTT and broader IASC, rather than conducting new mapping exercises; and activity 3 will be deleted as this messaging has been taken over by the Grand Bargain process and advocacy around it.

A discussion was held on WFP's suggestion to add an activity on early warning/preparedness to output 3. The group agreed that it would be duplicative of the work done by other IASC TTs and would not add value to the ongoing work on preparedness. However, it was agreed that more political advocacy around preparedness financing is needed. WFP mentioned that Gordana Jerger would be amenable to take on some of the political advocacy in her role as HFTT's co-sponsor and a decision was made to revisit the preparedness piece at the beginning of next year.

The revised text of the activities under output 3 will be sent to the secretariat of the HFTT within the coming few days.

**FAO** suggested to ask the World Bank and OECD/DAC to brief us on their ongoing mapping, innovations and financing solutions.

**OCHA/PDSB** mentioned the new Global Crisis Response Platform and suggested that MPTF office should provide more information.

**WFP:** There is a large funding gap and efficiency gains will not close it. Preparedness is also underfunded. HFTT should look into the funding gaps and attracting new funding streams.

**OCHA/CERF (HFTT co-chair):** The presentation by MPTF is already planned for the October HFTT meeting. We will touch base with MPTF on the content.

**OCHA/RMSS (on behalf of co-leads):** FAO, OCHA, UNDP, WHO and WFP met on 20 August to discuss the relevance of the activity on multi-year funding in light of the Grand Bargain and WHS outcomes. It was agreed that this activity is still relevant and should be kept in the HFTT work plan. It was agreed that we should make sure we identify knowledge and evidence gaps and specific value added to the current conversations so we do not duplicate the follow-up work done by other forums. FAO and NRC have offered to co-lead this activity.

The next step on this activity will be to better define the scope and parameters of the upcoming study on multi-year funding. OCHA is currently in the process of finalizing a consultants' report on multi-year planning. The findings of this study will help define the parameters of the study on multi-year funding. Co-leads have agreed to develop and share a TOR / scope of work by the beginning of October and to kick off the first of two planned phases of work. The first phase will include a desk review and baseline data gathering exercise to get a current and accurate picture of how much humanitarian funding is currently provided through multi-year agreements/frameworks. The

subsequent and second phase will undertake an analysis of humanitarian multi-year funding and its implications for funding humanitarian operations, in particular for work across the humanitarian - development nexus and in developing national and local capacities.

**UNHCR** is going into year 3 of the 2+2 multi-year planning with partners.

**FAO:** It is important to take a two-pronged approach on the multi-year financing, namely look into how much funding de facto goes through multi-year agreements and subsequently look at what it means for humanitarian agencies to switch to multi-year planning and financing, including across the hum-dev nexus.

**OCHA/RMSS:** The virtual meeting on the multi-year funding activity was very productive and we look forward to broader participations – including from NGOs and IFRC – to ensure the issue is addressed holistically and from several relevant angles.

#### 4. Finalisation of the HFTT work plan review

**OCHA/CERF (HFTT co-chair):** The deadline for the revision of the work plan is 22 September. We also have to submit the progress report to the IASC secretariat. Activity leads should provide one or two bullet points on each activity by mid next week.

**IASC Secretariat:** Working Group meeting is planned for 25-26 October and revision of the work plans following the WHS will be part of the agenda. In order to prepare for this meeting, we need to hear from all TTs and Reference Groups. HFTT is ahead of other groups in terms of updating its work plan. The deadline can be extended until next week.

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